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SUBJECT: LIBYAN-TUNISIAN DISPUTE: STATIS OF "J.W. BATES"

REF: (A) STATE 129091, (B) STATE 128987, (C) TUNIS 3896

1. WE APPRECIATE UNDERSECRETARY HABIB'S LETTER TO THORNTON URGING IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF READING AND BATES RIG FROM DISPUTED AREA.

2. ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON EXPECTED DRILLING PLANS FOR "J.W. BATES" WHICH APPEARS TO CONFIRM RISK OF APPARENT OIL FIND WITHIN TEN DAY PERIOD. NEVERTHELESS, IF READING AND BATES DO NOT AGREE TO IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF RIG OR CLEAR HALT TO DRILLING OPERATIONS, WE SUGGEST FURTHER QUESTIONS BE POSED ON DRILLING PROGRAM AND ANSWERS VERIFIED WITH PETROLEUM EXPERTS. OUR SKEPTICISM ON TIME NEEDED TO REACH OIL-
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BEARING STRATA BASED ON INDUSTRY SOURCE TEMPORARILY IN TUNIS WHO INDIRECTLY HAS BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH TUNISIAN OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. SOURCE TOLD US JUNE 3 THAT LATTER BELIEVED AS OF JUNE 1 THAT "J.W. BATES" DRILLING HAD ALREADY REACHED 2,000 FEET IN WELL PROGRAMMED FOR 7,000 TO 8,000 FEET. IF TRUE, THIS WOJLD MEAN THAT WELL COULD BE COMPLETED--AND SIGNIFICANT OIL STRATA REACHED--WITHIN TEN DAY "GRACE" PERIOD.

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